

Brownfields Grant Program

The Department of Commerce has been authorized by Section 560.13 Wis. Stats. to provide funding to brownfield projects that promote economic development and have a positive effect on the environment. The program has provided \$36.2 million in grants since its creation in the 1997-1999 State Biennial Budget.

Program Background

The Brownfields Grant Program has reviewed 208 grant applications and awarded 88 grants over the past six years. The 88 projects will generate a significant economic impact in their communities, and convert abandoned or under-used, environmentally contaminated sites into safe productive sites.

Requests & Funding

- 208 applications received, requesting over \$105 million in funding
- 88 projects funded, awarding \$36.2 million

Grant Recipients

- 40 awards to businesses
- 40 awards to municipalities
- 8 awards to counties

Community Size

- 42 recipients in small communities
- 45 recipients in large communities

Project Types

- 24 Commercial redevelopment projects
- 24 Industrial redevelopment projects
- 26 Mixed use projects
- 8 Recreational / Public use projects
- 4 Residential projects

Project Expectations

- \$16.75 in private investment leveraged per \$1 grant awarded
- Increased property values of \$607 million
- Remediation of 1,090 acres of contaminated property
- The creation of approximately 4,600 jobs

